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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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AFRODITE SEA TRADE S.A.,

Plaintiff

— v. —

SHINE STAR SEA-TRANSPORT
PTE, LTD., *et al.*

Defendants.

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RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

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Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 and to enable the District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Defendant Benxi Northern Steel Pipes Co. Ltd (a private, non-governmental party) certifies that said party is a wholly owned subsidiary of Beitai Iron & Steel Group Co., Ltd.

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